

WAYS TO GET RICH

Shrewd Schemes of Inventive Geniuses

TO PROFIT BY THE GREAT FAIR

Major Handy and His Pal With the Newspaper-Gossip of the Windy City.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—The number of world's fair schemes that are being worked just now would appal the average person who doesn't learn of them by degrees. To give only a partial list of them would take all the space of an ordinary newspaper. Some are unique, some good—and none of them seem to have any money back of them. As Mr. Washburn says of option trading on the boards of trade, it is largely in wind transactions that they deal. They include every possible kind of enterprise from piloting visitors around the exposition grounds to supplying them with medals, guides and boarding places.

The tenacity of the Chicago man stops at nothing. His self-confidence is capable of tackling anything, it makes no difference what its size. He knows no such word as fail until he has gone to the wall, and even then he does not remain beside that imaginary barrier any longer than the period necessary to transact the business required of him when he is off and away and resurges immediately with something bigger which will pay better. It is little less than astounding when one happens to be on a mission which recalls to him the extraordinary methods to which thousands of men well-dressed and apparently prosperous are forced by stress of circumstances to resort. In cities of less than a million people it does not long remain a secret what a man is driving at for a living. But in Chicago as in New York it will baffle any but the most observant and persistent to discover the sources of revenue of thousands who have offices or desks in the big buildings downtown. They have no signs which proclaim their calling. A desk with their name on it, a typewriter, a letter press and a cabinet file with a rug and office chairs are their sole capital. They are in and out never being apparently yet always occupied, while people come and go speaking but a few minutes in conversation and putting off somewhere else.

He is a schemer. I have in mind one man who is out of his office one-third of the day the other two-thirds find him seated comfortably at his desk for hours musing and reading the papers and at intervals chatting for a minute at a time with a caller. I have known him for two years and beyond a vague impression that he used the newspapers for pointers of some sort probably not the best sort at that, I haven't the slightest idea what his business is. He is not in the confidence and all that is evident is that he lives well and spends money freely.

There is one big office building in Chicago owned by Judge Altgeld, the democratic nominee for governor, where the majority of the tenants live by their wits alone. There are some men in business there who do legitimate work, but there are a hundred who fleece the unwary by real estate schemes and building, loan and security swindles and use the good name of the judge as a cloak to cover nefarious transactions. A week ago a trio of young men, one of whom had been a sporting reporter on one of the morning papers, departed from the building \$25,000 to the good, while several hundred ordinary people who invested from \$1 to \$25 in a security scheme sent to the police for satisfaction but didn't get it.

Has Plenty of Nerve. The most "nervy" world's fair scheme I have encountered is that being successfully engineered by a LaSalle street man, who conducts a small but profitable private bank. He incorporated a hotel company at a capital of \$200,000. No actual money has ever been paid in by the stock holders. He got together by persistent work ten traveling men who subscribed for \$1,000 worth of the stock each, the stock to be paid for not in money but in work. They have been putting in the work ever since it was decided that Chicago could have the fair. It consists in getting their customers and others to sign a contract to stop a certain number of days during the fair at this hotel. The price is \$1 per night. The person signing the contract pays half now and the balance when he settles his bill in 1903.

The activity of the ten traveling men supplemented by the efforts of the banker and his friends has resulted in nearly \$100,000 being collected. The land has been bought and the hotel begun. It will have 300 rooms and each room will accommodate four persons at \$1 each this is \$1,200 per night, and as there are 180 days during which the fair will be open, the gross sum is \$216,000. The land cost \$37,500 and the building \$50,000. The furnishings amount to \$10,000 which leaves \$118,500 out of which the operating expenses must come, leaving a profit that ought to pay 100 per cent on \$200,000, and then the company has the land and building after the fair.

Good Enough Security. "What security do you give guests who pay in advance?" I asked the banker.

He elevated his eyebrows and replied airily: "Are not the names of the directors a guarantee enough?" And that is all the security the many who pay \$10

or \$20 in advance now can expect. But he engages his room early and it may not be a bad investment. If the treasurer does not skip to Canada.

Another concern lists all boarding houses, hotels, rates, location etc., and corresponds with intending visitors and locates them now before the rush. Still another makes excursion rates and as treasurer and safety deposit for people at a distance who send \$1 or \$2 per week. When the saving deposited weekly represent the sum which will bring the visitor by rail or water and keep him at a hotel or boarding house for two weeks, the fair will have opened and hence the voucher for railroad fare, hotel accommodation and entrance fee to the fair. His only cash expense need be for a shine, a cigar or a drink. This plan possesses peculiar advantage for people who have a habit of spending all their money when they come to town necessitating their walking on the return trip.

A genius of inventive turn has established a patent exchange. He will have a central show room where the designer of a door check or a watch movement or a slot machine may exhibit it. It is a lower basement. The exhibitor is charged for space for exhibition and for keeping his exhibits clean and in order.

These are only a few of the novel resources adopted by men who are chasing the honest but elusive penny to turn a dollar or two. The world is full of them, and their number is being added to every day. All of them expect to make a fortune during the fair, and a fortune too without the investment of any capital. That a great many will "go broke" is improbable, seeing that they risk nothing, and a man can scarcely lose that which he doesn't possess. If all of the schemes were as straight as those described there would not be so much danger lurking in the path of the world's fair visitor, but unfortunately they are not.

Medals and the Fair. The local papers have been regaling themselves more than their readers with a little fun at the expense of Joseph Medill, the venerable editor of The Tribune. Mr. Medill kicked over the traces, which keep the newspapers trotting in double harness, carrying the load of unanimous deference, to say nothing that can be construed as derogatory of the exposition, presumably on the theory that the New York Sun or other newspapers which may care to criticize it are unlikely to get any material unless the Chicago papers give them pointers. Mr. Medill kept the contract up to four days ago, when he came out flatfooted and declared that the exposition was paying out large sums of money for men who were more ornamental than useful, notably Major Hendy. Now, the major and James W. Scott, publisher of The Herald and Post, are very close friends. The major is a friend of all newspaper men, but particularly of Colonel Scott, since he initiated the colonel into the pleasant ways of the Philadelphia Clover club. Of course The Herald and Post took up the cudgels in a no very like-warrior way for the major, and said that Colonel Medill was merely vented by periodical attacks of bile, which had been stirred up a little early in the season this year by the dropping of his son-in-law, R. S. McCormick, as resident London agent of the fair. Mr. Medill tried hard to get out of the road, but Colonel Scott's chariot ran him down and left him pretty badly bruised by the collision. Colonel Medill dropped the matter and Major Hendy was as usual triumphant, but not until he had unwittingly come very near causing a seiche of a few attaches of The Times.

Carter Harrison's Dilemma. Everybody, of course, knows that Carter Harrison is at present struggling hard to decide whether to drop the Times and try to land the mayoralty or drop the mayoralty and go on looking for the Times. Mr. Harrison and Mr. Medill are not only warm personal friends, but what is strange they are political friends also, although they are a democrat and the other a republican. The chivalrous courtesy of French journalism is not in it with the kinder, more punctilious regard each for the other which obtains between these two great editors. Mr. Harrison's horror was therefore great on reading the Times to find that the young men on his paper had taken the roast on Mr. Medill to the last, the evening paper, and that it had been done by Mr. Harrison's partnership in the last mayoral campaign was not proof against his warm friendship for Mr. Harrison, resulting in his actually supporting the democrat as against the nominee of his own republican party, the attack was most regrettable and, indeed, a blot on the record of the Times. There was great excitement around the Times office, but the editor was responsible for the display of such dense ignorance of the policy of the paper, put the blame on a poor reporter, and beyond the latter having to seek another job, nothing came of it. Major Hendy still rules the roost and his colleagues who are not newspaper men are more than ever convinced that they must put on steel armor when they engage in a bout with the redoubtable chief of the bureau of publicity and promotion, whose newspaper affiliation makes him a dangerous antagonist.

Outrage to a Dog. No mention ever was made in newspapers of a case of peculiar sadness which came under my notice a few days ago. It is only the story of a dog, but it will appeal to all those whose hearts ache at the cruel treatment which dumb brutes so often receive. Warren LeLand of the famous hotel family of LeLands lately sold his Chicago hotel for \$1,000,000, and adding that sum to a bank account already of healthy proportions, retired. Mr. LeLand likes good living, and he spends his valuable and comfortable home which sits in a deep, wide space of ground on Broad Boulevard, where property is worth \$500 per foot. He has several young sons, and the constant companion of the younger ones was a splendid English mastiff two years old, with a canine physique that was the envy of all other dogs for miles around, and large expressive eyes which did all but speak.

Standing in his front yard last Monday morning the dog saw Mr. LeLand's dogcatcher's van. It never entered his head that the dogcatchers would think of taking his big brute. Though the animal had a license, he was quarantined, and the men finding him too big to put in the van bound him on top of it and drove him all over the city in the hot sun. Next day the animal died. He was a mass of scales made by the rough treatment he received. His value was only \$500, but the hotel man says he will spend \$1,000 to ascertain if no law can reach the city employees for their outrageous act.

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Practical disbanding of the Hastings rank places Grand Rapids in the lead in this state. The recently organized Imperial rank began to drill with the expectation of entering the contest, but the idea has been abandoned and its most proficient members will join division No. 6 for the occasion. There will be forty-two entries in this national contest. The boys expect to arrive in Kansas City Tuesday morning and join the parade, which takes place in the afternoon. Each competing division is expected to join this public parade, which will be composed of 15,000 Sir Knights. The following members of the division will compose the party: Capt. James Bayne, First Lieutenant M. P. Theis, Second Lieutenant Charles E. Linzee, Right Guide George Eastman, Left Guide E. E. Peck, Quartermaster C. J. Clark, Recorder A. Abbott and Private George Cargill, Henry M. Doren, John N. Deville, Jr., B. Gogmon, W. J. Pace, L. L. Sargent, F. C. Temple, C. O. Porter, W. C. Jones, T. E. West, W. J. Hayden, G. J. Erginizer, O. Schultz, Charles Miller, C. E. Perkins, J. E. Johnson, F. S. Squire, C. E. Black, George Tomlinson, E. G. Cherryman, John Hensen, William E. Stevens, F. M. Uley, William Harris, and brigade officers Brigadier General H. F. Hastings, Assistant Adjutant General W. H. Loomis and Assistant Quartermaster General A. Robinson. The wings of a few of the members will accompany them. They expect to return next Saturday and if they don't bring with them the first prize won at the contest their friends will be badly disappointed.

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